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As the MTA launches a transparency dashboard today to keep straphangers in the loop about subway delays and issues, it's also being urged by advocates to improve its less-talked about bus service. I attended the book launch for "The Woes on the Bus" in Columbus Circle yesterday, which recounts real stories from real bus riders who are just as frustrated as their underground brethren. **metro.us**

OBAMACARE REPEAL IN US SENATE COLLAPSES

1 Another Republican attempt to dismantle Obamacare collapsed in the U.S. Congress on Tuesday as the party was unable to win enough support from its own senators for a bill to repeal the healthcare reform law. Several Republican senators said there will be no vote in the Senate after some lawmakers withheld support for the measure. "We basically ran out of time," said Sen. Ron Johnson. Sen. Pat Roberts, another Republican, told reporters the party would target healthcare "in some form" later in the current legislative session. Failing to carry through on a 7-year-old effort to roll back the 2010 healthcare law would be an embarrassing setback for Republicans and a heavy blow for President Donald Trump, who vowed during the 2016 election campaign to scrap Obamacare.

STUDENTS PROTEST AG SPEECH AT GEORGETOWN

2 Students and faculty at Georgetown Law School gathered on Tuesday to protest that U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions was delivering an address about the right of free speech on college campuses to an invitation-only audience without giving critics of the Trump administration an opportunity to ask questions. Several dozen protesters stood on the front steps of the school, some with duct tape over their mouths to symbolize that they felt their views were censored from the event. Some held signs denouncing racism, censorship and President Donald Trump's decision to rescind "DACA," the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy that shields immigrants who were brought to the United States as children.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FUTURE VOTERS

3 The Future Voters talk healthcare and offer free lemonade to members of Congress. Molly Hayes, 6, serves some lemonade outside Capital Hill on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

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DUTERTE WANTS US HELP IN FIGHTING DRUGS

4 Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte urged the United States on Tuesday to help control drug smuggling, blaming Taiwan and Hong Kong-based criminal gangs for using his country as a shipping hub. In a speech, he also said illegal drugs had funded the seizure by Islamist militants of large parts of the southern city of Marawi in May. More than 800 people have died in the conflict, which Duterte said was triggered by an attempt to arrest a drug personality, who he did not identify. "The Philippines is a transhipment of shabu to America," Duterte told members of the Philippine Constitution Association, referring to the local term for methamphetamine. "It behoves upon America to work closely with the Republic of the Philippines, especially on this serious matter."

TWITTER TO TEST 280-CHARACTER TWEETS

5 The days of Twitter Inc. limiting messages to 140 characters, a signature of the social network since its launch in 2006, may be numbered. Twitter said on Tuesday that it would begin a test with a random sample of users allowing them to send tweets that are as long as 280 characters, double the existing cap, in most languages around the world. The San Francisco-based company has stood by its short messages as a defining characteristic — like chirps from a bird, which is the company logo — even as users found ways around the limit, such as posting photos of text. In a blog post on Tuesday, Twitter said its emphasis on brevity would never change but that it had been wondering whether people could express themselves easily enough, hurting the service's popularity.

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NYC bus riders' woes inspire new book

Released by Riders Alliance and the Bus Turnaround Campaign, "The Woes on the Bus" recounts real riders' real woes aboard MTA buses.

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When you think about the frustrations of commuting in New York City, the subway is surely top of mind as it's the bane of existence for tens of thousands of New Yorkers on a near-daily basis.

Less on the radar, though, are the 2.5 million residents who not only rely on but are equally frustrated by the city's bus service. But now their voices are being heard thanks to a new book released Tuesday by the Riders Alliance and the Bus Turnaround Campaign.

"The Woes on the Bus: Frustration and Suffering All Through the Town" recounts firsthand experiences of dozens of bus riders who have missed work, school or doctor's appointments, faced firings, spent money on cabs or ride-shares in addition to MetroCards or even lost out on an audition to sing with John Legend — all because of late buses.

"Every single day, riders are being let down," Stephanie Burgos-Veras of Riders Alliance said at book launch held in front of the bus stop for the M7, M10, M20 and M104 at 8th Avenue and Columbus Circle. "We need buses we can rely on."

For Ramona Ferreyra, the bus is often the only option as she has spine and hip issues that make it difficult to go up and down subway stairs.

The South Bronx resident said the BX19 is often late, inconsistent and packed, which causes her to arrive late to her frequent doctor visits. Because she is on assistance, she can't afford to take scab or ride-shares as many others find themselves doing to compensate.

"I wish the bus service was more dependable to reflect what the community is shifting to," she said of the borough, which last week announced development plans for the mixed-use Bronx Point near the 145th Street Bridge.

"These stories make clear the wheels on the bus are not going 'round as they should," said Tabitha Decker, NYC program director at TransitCenter.

A new book from Riders Alliance and the Bus Turnaround Coalition recounts the growing frustrations of city bus riders.
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'THE WOES ON THE BUS' GO 'ROUND AND 'ROUND

"The bus is never on time, and I feel like it gets rerouted a lot. Once I missed an audition to do background vocals for John Legend." FAITH, BROOKLYN

"Even though the Q3 is out of our control, my kids still have been punished with lunch detention for being tardy to class." KEMISHA, QUEENS

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TRANSIT ADVICE

Bus advocates' advice for Cuomo and de Blasio

Transit advocates said city buses go an average of 7.4 mph — slower than San Francisco, Boston and Philadelphia — and despite a surge in population and subway ridership, bus ridership declined 16 percent from 2002 to 2015.

The Bus Turnaround Campaign, a coalition of transit advocacy groups, is urging Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who controls the MTA, and Mayor Bill de Blasio to adopt its six-point plan to improve bus service.

Among the suggestions are redesigning the bus network and routes, adopting all-door boarding, implementing better means of keeping buses on schedule, such as ensuring on-time terminal departures and intervening when they get off-schedule, redesigning streets to add additional bus lanes, reducing time at red lights, give real-time updates at stops and on buses and being more transparent about bus performance.

"Providing reliable and strong bus service is a key priority for the MTA and is an incredibly complex challenge due to worsening congestion on city streets — especially in the heart of Manhattan," agency spokesman Kevin Ortiz said. "Better bus service is directly connected to less congested New York City streets, strong enforcement of bus-only lanes and expediting new technology like traffic signalization prioritization. We continue to work with NYC DOT on the citywide rollout of new technologies and look forward to helping them reduce congestion on the streets to get our buses moving."

Additionally, the MTA offers a bus time app for tracking schedules and plans to expand its Select Bus Service, install a new payment system to cut down on boarding time and implement all-door boarding when practical.

Proposals have been given on how to improve the city's bus service. NIKKI M. MASCALI

MTA launching transparency system for subway delays, issues

Waiting for a subway in New York City can seem like a lifetime, but what makes it even more anger-inducing is the frequency your train delayed — and not knowing why you're waiting this time.

That is something the MTA hopes to change going forward as the agency on Monday announced a new system slated to go live Wednesday that will not only monitor subway delays but also keep the public in the loop about what's causing problems in the first place.

"What has been in the books are metrics from a prior century," MTA Chairman Joe Lhota said, according to The New York Times.

That's obviously not too shocking as much of the city's subway system can be described as archaic as best, what with it being more than a century old.

The MTA is rolling out a new system Wednesday that will not only monitor subway delays but also keep straphangers in the loop about what's causing them in the first place. PIXABAY

But Lhota said the MTA's new plan of attack will make the agency more transparent to the public and give officials better insight into tracking system problems.

"The whole point is to make the next month better than the prior month," he added.

Upon roll out, the new information will be available on MTA.info, but a mobile app is in the works, and New Yorkers can expect updates on everything from month-to-month analysis of service to the number of minutes riders dealt with delays.

The agency will use the recent installation of platform countdown clocks as well as MetroCard data to gather its information.

Such transparency would be akin to tools used by transit systems across the country and in London, a city many industry experts consider the benchmark of performance standards.

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Lack of communication endangers the lives of people in Puerto Rico

People head to cities in search of cellphone signals to let loved ones know they are safe.

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Hundreds of people from different parts of Puerto Rico continued to trek to metropolitan areas of the island in search of a signal on their cellphones that would allow them to communicate with their loved ones outside the island.

"I had to communicate with my family in the United States. I was able to put gas in the car [Monday], but it was also a bit complicated, so I was able to came here," said Luis Diaz Rosario, 27, a resident of Isabela.

That was also the case for Ediel Tirado, 33, from Vega Baja. "[Family in U.S.] were desperate because they did not know anything about the family or me or my aunts. I explained to them that we do not have communication, we do not have light or water," said Ediel, adding that his father, siblings and other family members were calmer after having heard from him.

But the calls made at Express 22 in Bayamón — where hundreds of people were parked in their vehicles — and other main roads of the metropolitan area, express the despair of a people incommunicado.

Beyond finally giving a sign of life to their families abroad, many come in search of urgent help in situations that warrant immediate attention. This is the case of Beatriz Maldonado Soto, a diabetes patient who lost everything after her house in Arecibo was flooded during Hurricane Maria.

"We have lost everything," said Beatriz, in tears. "I have insulin, but very little. The office where my doctor is, the sea took her, I have no more drugs," said the 48-year-old woman who, after making a call to her son in the United States, would reach an emergency room in a metropolitan area in an attempt to receive more insulin.

"We lost the house. We do not have clothes, the cars were flooded," said her daughter Carla Gonzalez Maldonado, 31. "We had to swim out of there because we almost drowned," she added.

Carla Maldonado said the ice she uses to keep the insulin cold is already running out, and in Vega Baja, where they took refuge in a family member's house, they have not been able to find a supply of the product. In addition, he said they waited in a four-hour line at a gas station so they could reach a metropolitan area.

"We cannot find medicine, there's no water, we cannot find ice, there's nothing. We're trying to survive what's going on here," Carla said, in tears.

Although supplies of gasoline and other necessities began to be distributed in parts of the island Tuesday, almost a week after Hurricane Maria, many communities lack communication access.

"If we do not have the appropriate instruments or the appropriate flexibility to avoid a public-health crisis or to keep food coming or we can not energize areas of critical infrastructure, then we are going to face a humanitarian crisis," said Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló.

"There's nothing. We're trying to survive what's going on here."

Carla Maldonado

Beatriz (left) and her daughter Carla arrived in an urban area to make a call and seek urgent help for Beatriz, a diabetes patient. MIGUEL DEJESÚS

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Is there really a cure for sex addiction?

Dr. Jeffrey Foote of the Center for Motivation and Change weighs in on sex addiction, from whether it actually exists to symptoms and treatment.

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Denise Cote, the federal judge who on Monday sentenced Anthony Weiner to 21 months in prison for sexting a minor, said the disgraced former congressman had "a disease that involves sexual compulsivity; some call it a sex addiction."

The once-promising politician, who had two previous — and very public — incidents involving sexually explicit texts and tweets, has been attending Sex Addicts Anonymous and group therapy after pleading guilty to the incident with a then-15-year-old girl, which Cote said is "effective treatment for this disease."

But to learn a little more about sex addiction beyond the headlines surrounding Weiner, Metro turned to Jeffrey Foote, Ph.D., the cofounder and executive director of the Center for Motivation and Change in Manhattan.

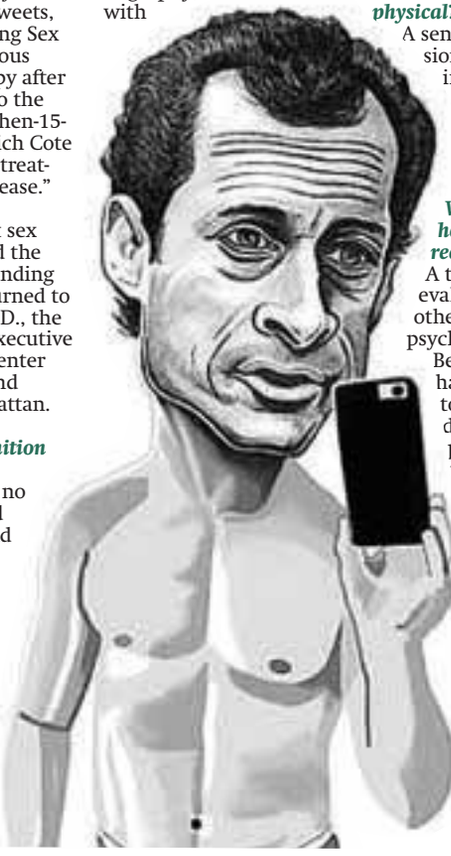
What is the definition of sex addiction?

There is actually no clinically defined scientifically valid disorder called sex addiction. It is a common phrase in the public forum, just as "internet addiction" and "chocolate addiction" are commonly used.

People engage in all kinds of sexual activities and at all kinds of frequencies that lie outside the average, but that doesn't make those activities either abnormal or an "addiction." What is most commonly meant in the culture by this phrase is akin to compulsive sexual activity. The ones we hear about most are hypersexuality, which would be having sex with others or oneself at a very high frequency, at times with a disregard for one's own safety or the safety of others.

Dr. Jeffrey Foote is the co-founder and executive director of the Center for Motivation and Change in Manhattan. PROVIDED

This could also be across multiple platforms, meaning in person with a partner, with many different people, through internet pornography, with paid sex workers, at strip clubs, etc. This could be a physical condition but is more typically a response to psychological conditions, like stress, depression or trauma/PTSD.



Anthony Weiner
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What sort of symptoms does sex addiction have, whether emotional or physical?

A sense of compulsion to participate in the activity, as it affords a sense of relief from other issues.

What sort of help do you recommend?

A thorough evaluation for other emotional/psychiatric issues. Beginning of behavior therapy to actively address the compulsive pull of the behavior.

Can sex addiction truly be cured?

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How Long Do The Results Last?

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Would it be worth it to be able to finally get a good night's sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and i*s not surgical.*

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti - inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

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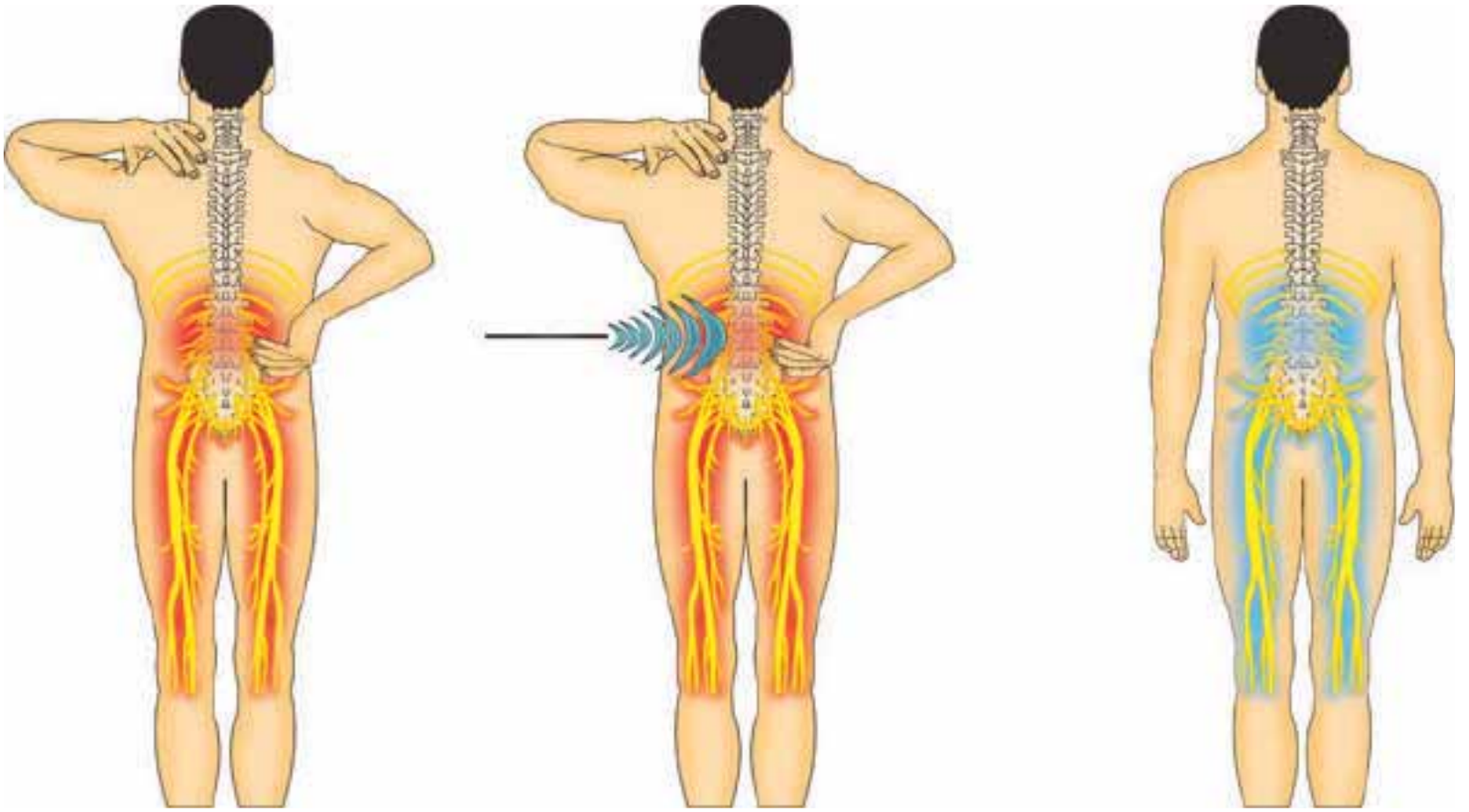

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FBI investigation finds massive NCAA basketball bribery scandal

An investigation by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York found widespread corruption and bribery.

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College basketball is about to be shaken to its core with fault lines that run so deep, the game might never be the same.

The federal government, via the U.S. attorney's office in New York City, indicted 10 men on fraud and corruption charges during recruitment processes on Tuesday morning.

To put it simply, these men were involved in illegally swaying high school recruits to attend certain schools using bribes.

Among those arrested were Auburn assistant coach Chuck Person, Oklahoma State assistant Lamont Evans, Arizona assistant Emanuel "Book" Richardson and USC assistant Tony Bland.

Adidas executive Jim Gatto has also been named in this investigation headed by U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Joon H. Kim, who gave a loose example of how the schemes worked by illustrating the circle of alleged bribery that included money circulating between coaches, prospective players and advisers and managers.

Gatto was accused of rewarding a top high school prospect with $100,000 so he would attend a program that has an apparel contract with Adidas.

The school that matched the description from the court documents, via CNBC, was the University of Louisville, a school already skating on thin ice with the NCAA.

Head coach Rick Pitino and his Cardinals were forced to abandon their 2013 national title after it was found that a former staff member of Louisville paid for parties featuring strippers for recruits.

If Louisville is in fact involved in these new scandals, it is not obtuse for the "death penalty" to be an option.

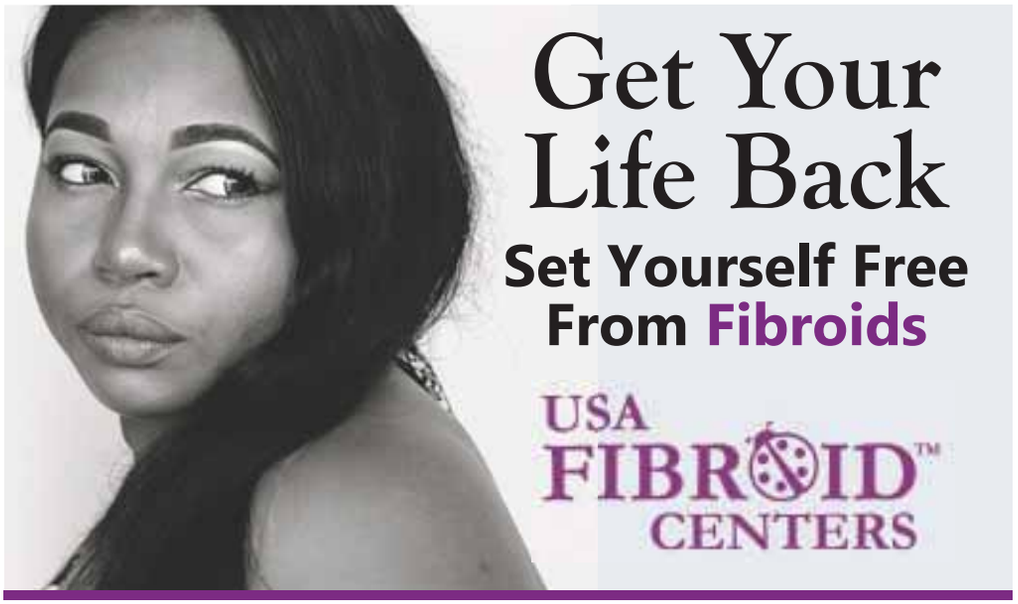
The NCAA has instituted the "death penalty," so called because it completely shuts down a college's athletic program, only five times in its history and just twice to basketball programs.

The University of Kentucky's program was shut down from 1952-1953 after a point-shaving scandal was uncovered from the 1949 NIT. In October 1952, it was discovered that 10 ineligible players received financial aid, prompting the penalty.

In 1973, the University of Southwestern Louisiana's program was found guilty of 125 violations that mostly stemmed from players being paid. They would be forced to cancel their 1973-74 and 1974-75 seasons.

The NCAA was not made aware of these investigations, which Kim said will uncover "the dark belly of college basketball," until Tuesday morning.

College basketball was rocked on Tuesday after the FBI put forth allegations of mass corruption. ISTOCK/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION



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Water leaks into elevator with people stuck inside at World Trade Center

Getting trapped in an elevator is unfortunate enough, but the situation was even scarier for a group of people at the World Trade Center on Tuesday when water began rushing into the elevator in which they were trapped.

"There is water rushing in the elevators on the 82nd floor of the WTC," Emily Signer, a writer for Mic, wrote on Twitter. "You can hear it. Some people are in the elevators. This is terrifying."

The fire department said that they received a call for a stuck elevator around 12:30 p.m. and that the units in service removed those who were stuck inside the lift at 1:30 p.m. Shortly before that, Alan Haburchak, director of studio and technology at Mic, tweeted that a building management official spoke over the PA system, saying, "The leak has been addressed, and everything is safe."

The leak sprung from a condenser line on the 88th floor of the building, said Jordan Barowitz, vice president of public affairs at the Durst Organization, which manages the building.

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REPUBLICANS ON THE BRINK

TOM FOREMAN
Analysis

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

If you are a Democrat, you're probably fuming over the latest Republican effort to strike down the Affordable Care Act, the signature accomplishment of President Barack Obama. Of course, you already had plenty to dislike in President Donald Trump: from his relentless taunting of your defeated candidate to his travel bans, to his persistent talk of a wall with Mexico, to his racially charged statements, to his jousting with North Korea, to his slams on professional athletes … I won't go further because I don't have all day, and you probably have your own list taped to the refrigerator.

But do you know who might be even angrier? Republicans. Think about how long they waited for this magical convergence, in which their party controls the White House, both chambers of Congress, more legislatures and more governorships than the Dems. If they'd coalesced in a disciplined manner back in January, they would have been virtually unstoppable. Any programs they did not like from the Obama years could have been rolled up and tossed like cheap rugs. They could have rewritten tax laws, immigration policies and trade deals, pushing a freight train of reforms toward the president's eager pen.

Even against the court challenges that would have followed, they could have substantially changed the playbook for the U.S.

But have they passed any major legislation? Nope. Have they presented a unified front on major issues? Um … no. And for eight years of preparation and all their swings at Obamacare, they've been like a hapless 6-year-old who can't even get a hit in tee-ball.

Sure, they have seated a Supreme Court justice, and that is no small thing. But the president has often overshadowed their modest gains with torrents of headline-grabbing tweets, barrages of unexpected and unproven claims and his scorched-earth war on the media – leaving some of his staunch allies sputtering for explanations.

In simple terms, the first year of this overarchingly Republican government is already, rapidly winding down, and for all the sweeping changes they promised to their supporters, they have precious little to show. And unless they find a way to fix that situation soon, they may find even loyalists questioning just what they are being loyal to.

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Trump adviser says NFL kneelers would be 'shot in the head' in North Korea

One of President Donald Trump's evangelical advisers said NFL players who take a knee in protest during the national anthem should be counting their lucky stars that they're not being shot in the head — a fate he said would certainly befall them if they lived in North Korea.

Robert Jeffress, the controversial pastor of First Baptist Dallas and a member of President Trump's informal evangelical advisory council, made the comments in an appearance on Fox News "Fox and Friends," where the hosts were discussing Trump's anger with NFL players and other athletes who have been kneeling during the national anthem to protest social and racial injustice in the United States.

More than 200 players chose not to stand for "The Star-Spangled Banner" on Sunday, many locking arms with teammates and coaches in a display of solidarity.

Robert Jeffress said kneeling players would be executed in North Korea.
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"I think what these players are doing is absolutely wrong," Jeffress said. "These players ought to be thanking God that they live in a country where they're not only free to earn millions of dollars every year, but they're also free from the worry of being shot in the head for taking the knee like they would be if they were in North Korea."

Jeffress said there is a "better way to protest social injustice without disrespecting our country," though he didn't say what that way might be. He also said "tens of millions of Americans agree with President Trump" when he calls the acts of protests by players "disrespectful," though he didn't provide any supporting evidence of this.

"I know this president. President Trump is not a racist. For President Trump this is not about race, this is about respect of country," Jeffress said.

Both the Texas pastor and President Trump have been known to make inflammatory comments about race in the past: Following a white nationalist protest in Charlottesville, Virginia this summer, Trump failed to condemn neo-Nazi ralliers, going so far as to call some "very good people." Jeffress stood behind Trump's comments.

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Pat Tillman played in the NFL before joining the military. GETTY IMAGES

Pat Tillman's widow Marie Tillman reacts to recent Trump tweet

Marie Tillman released a statement after Trump retweeted a picture of her husband.

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Marie Tillman, the widow of former NFL player and Army Ranger Pat Tillman does not want her husband's military service to be used in ways that could divide the country.

On Monday, Marie Tillman released a statement to CNN after President Donald Trump retweeted a picture of her husband using the hashtag #StandForOurAnthem and #BoycottNFL in the wake of NFL players kneeling during the national anthem over the past weekend.

Pat Tillman played for the Arizona Cardinals but gave up his contract and left the NFL in 2002 to join the U.S. Army. Tillman was killed in 2004 by friendly fire.

Tillman's life journey has inspired people around the country to come together, and his name should not be used in any way that could divide Americans. Marie Tillman wanted to express her feelings about people using his name in ways that could possibly divide the country and its citizens.

"As a football player and soldier, Pat inspired countless Americans to unify," Marie Tillman told CNN. "It is my hope that his memory should always remind people that we must come together. Pat's service, along with that of every man and woman's service, should never be politicized in a way that divides us. We are too great of a country for that. Those that serve fight for the American ideals of freedom, justice and democracy. They and their families know the cost of that fight. I know the very personal costs in a way I feel acutely every day."

"The very act of self-expression and the freedom to speak from one's heart — no matter those views — is what Pat and so many other Americans have given their lives for," she wrote in the statement. "Even if they didn't always agree with those views. It is my sincere hope that our leaders both understand and learn from the lessons of Pat's life and death, and also those of so many other brave Americans."

On Sunday, Pat Tillman's former team, the Arizona Cardinals joined other teams around the league by taking a knee or locking arms in solidarity during the national anthem.

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Marie Tillman

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Idina Menzel got married again

Romance, I guess!
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Idina Menzel just can't get enough of her "Rent" cast members. First, she was married to Taye Diggs — aka bougie-ass-Benny from the original Broadway cast — from 2003 to 2014. Now, she's married to a dude named Aaron Lohr who was in the 2005 bummer film version, also called "Rent." My girl is nothing if not consistent.

The 46-year-old shared a very nice picture via both Twitter and Instagram, writing "Wanted to let you know... married the love of my life Aaron Lohr this weekend at our home," she wrote. "Dad & son walked me down the aisle. It was magical."

Menzel and Lohr, 41, have been dating since 2015 and got engaged a year ago. If you're wondering who, exactly, this man is, he apparently has starred in both "D2: The Mighty Ducks," and "D3: The Mighty Ducks." Neat-o!

'Fixer Upper' is done, y'all

Chip and Joanna Gaines (also known as joyfully homeless-looking guy on that show my mother watches and his wife) announced Tuesday that their hit HGTV series, "Fixer Upper," is coming to an end. Their excuse basically boils down to, "This was a hard decision, but don't worry or question the veracity of our marriage, everything is great!" Very convincing stuff, essentially.

Insert joke about not being able to fix that which is already broken.
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"It is with both sadness and expectation that we share the news that Season 5 of 'Fixer Upper' will be our last," they wrote, noting that the decision wasn't easy but they're "confident that this is the right choice for us." Sure!

"Our family is healthy and our marriage has never been stronger," they wrote. "This is just us recognizing that we need to catch our breath for a moment." Oh, my. The Gaines doth protest too much, methinks.

Jon Snow put a ring on it

Good news, for once: The actual human embodiments of "Game of Thrones" characters Jon Snow and Ygritte are getting married IRL. Someone pop the inexpensive sparkling wine!

I'm happy for y'all, OK?

Five years after their on-screen romance — and a very delicate cave scene that we will never forget — a source confirms to People that Kit Harington and Rose Leslie are engaged. The joy I feel for them is unlike anything I've felt since rewatching "Aladdin" last Christmas.

Harington recently opened up about their boo-boo-ship — admitting that the early weeks of shooting the second season of "Thrones" were his favorite of the series. Because he fell in love!

"Because the country is beautiful, because the Northern Lights are magical, and because it was there that I fell in love," he said in a cover story for L'Uomo Vogue. Aw.

I, for one, am still convinced love is dead. But if real life versions of Jon Snow and Ygritte can find love, perhaps there is hope in this garbage world.

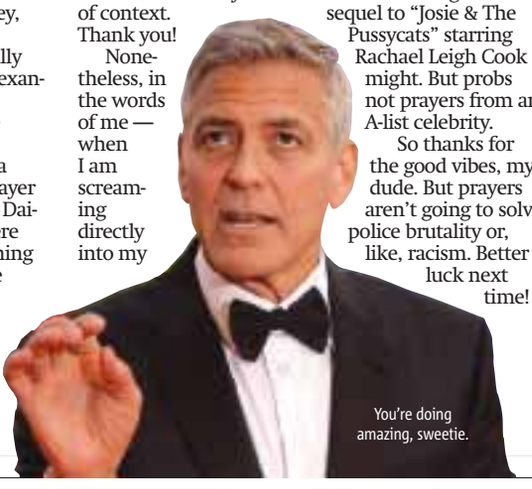
George Clooney is praying for you

George Clooney is a charming, well, beloved American actor. He has a wife, Amal Clooney, who is truly a boss bae and two normally named children, Alexander and Ella.

Somehow, these things put together qualify him to pen a well-intentioned prayer for America for the Daily Beast — one where he prays for everything from finding "more that unites us than divides us" to "all of our children" to, confusingly "a more perfect union." Mixed signals, guy! He ends by writing, "And when I pray, I kneel," which offers a tiny shred of context. Thank you!

Nonetheless, in the words of me — when I am screaming directly into my Twitter feed — prayers ain't gonna help America. Reform might. A late sequel to "Josie & The Pussycats" starring Rachael Leigh Cook might. But probs not prayers from an A-list celebrity.

So thanks for the good vibes, my dude. But prayers aren't going to solve police brutality or, like, racism. Better luck next time!



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‘American Horror Story: Cult’ star Evan Peters relates to his psycho character in one little way

The actor discusses the challenges of playing the polarizing Kai.

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Evan Peters plays the fear-mongering, Trump supporting Kai in “American Horror Story: Cult.” FRANK OCKENFELS/FX

Evan Peters, one of the main faces of the “American Horror Story” franchise, wants you to know this season of “AHS” is not all about President Trump, and there are more important issues facing America than the NFL right now.

While this season opens on Election Night, fans are going to see that theme drop away and Peters’ character, Kai Anderson, blossom like a corpse flower.

On his character, Kai Anderson:
“The character is insane,” Evans told us Monday. “And it’s not really about the election. That’s the opening act of the show, but it’s really just a starting point for everything that Kai’s trying to do and trying to accomplish.

“It’s the spark that’s going to start the flame that’s going to allow him to bring it all down and become the leader that he wants to be. The character as a whole has been challenging to play the whole way through because it’s only gotten crazier and crazier and he’s going more and more off the deep end, so it’s been challenging the whole way through.”

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On relating to Kai:
“Important to question our leaders and it’s important to question everything that’s going on in the world right now and see if we can’t make it less corrupt and less polarizing.

“Something that Kai talks about a lot —and the only thing I’ve ever to related to about Kai is — [common sense]. I don’t understand why we can’t just have common sense and compassion and love for one another and figure out how to do things in a fair just way so that everybody can be happy and have a fair shot and live their life the way they want to live it.”

On his favorite “Cult” character:
“This has been the most challenging season that I’ve done, absolutely, so I’d have to say Kai [is my favorite]. Kai has been really taxing physically and emotionally on me, so it’s been the hardest one and the most challenging so it’s been the most fun to accomplish.”

On the takeaway message:
“Cults are real. It is a TV show, but it is sort of mirroring our time and it also mirroring the past of some of these cult leaders. To me, the show is 10 percent about politics and 90 percent about cults. It is ultimately about Kai and his journey for world domination. So I hope that people watch it and enjoy it … or are scared by it. [Laughs]

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Why 'Kevin Can Wait' brought Leah Remini back permanently

Gary Valentine discusses the 'King of Queens' reunion.

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Leah Remini and Kevin James in the CBS sitcom.
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When producers of "Kevin Can Wait" decided to fire Erinn Hayes and replace her with Kevin James' former "King of Queens" star Leah Remini, it was a surprise to most viewers,, especially when it was confirmed that Hayes' character would actually be killed off.

But it wasn't that much of a surprise to "Kevin Can Wait" cast member Gary Valentine, who also just so happens to be Kevin James' older brother. I recently spoke to Valentine about the second season of "Kevin Can Wait" and immediately quizzed him on his reaction to Remini's return.

"I thought it was great," he said. "We love her, she's fantastic. You can't deny the chemistry, for sure. All of my social media was asking, 'When are you doing to do a reunion of 'King of Queens'? So we were like, 'Here you go.' This is kind of a reunion, but in a more creative way."

Valentine confirmed that it was actually James himself who pushed for Remini to be made a permanent cast member on "Kevin Can Wait," especially after her character, Vanessa, made her debut in the season-one finale. "It was Kevin's idea. He always had it in the back of his mind. They all agreed, because you could see after the season finale last year what the ratings were, and social media blew up. It was something special."

Rather than having the same dynamic as "King of Queens" Remini's Vanessa will actually be the boss to James' Kevin Gable in season two. Valentine noted that this has allowed the show to venture off in "a different direction."

"It's not as much about the family as it is about him going back into detective work with Vanessa, Leah Remini's character. They wanted to make it more of a working atmosphere. [Last season] seemed to be the same beat every time. Him and his buddies, and me and his family. Now they have us mixed up a little bit. Like, this week, I am doing scenes with Vanessa and Kendra. They are trying to get me a dating profile for online dating. I am hitting on Vanessa, and at the same time [Kevin] has got his detective work in the office there."

Gary Valentine

Unfortunately, the addition of Remini meant that there was suddenly no room for Hayes, and, according to Valentine, they didn't even entertain the idea of including both characters.

"It would have been too much of a comparison, and people would have got confused. This way Kevin and Leah have their same relationship. But it is not husband and wife, it's just partners."

In order to make room for Vanessa the decision was made was to kill off Donna. But rather than picking up in the immediate aftermath of her death in season two, actually takes place "a year or two later." Valentine insists that they "never actually make fun of the actual death," even though there are "jokes around it." And while there are "some nice moments between Kevin and the kids," the first episodes of season two will help to just "blow over it with some sadness."

"We are a comedy so we have to keep the laughs coming," stressed Valentine.

You'll get to see exactly how the sitcom handles Donna's death and whether Leah Remini and Kevin James instantly rekindle as the season unfolds on Monday nights on CBS.

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NYFF director Kent Jones on what makes the event so unique.

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Unlike many of its rivals, the New York Film Festival doesn't select films packed with star names just to attract attention. If a major celebrity is involved, it's merely a coincidence. Instead, the festival's curators only have one question when they're selecting their slate: "Do we like it?"

2017's New York Film Festival, which runs between Sept. 28 and Oct. 15, finds the event celebrating the best that cinema has to offer for a 55th year.

The festival opens with "Last Flag Flying," the latest from bona-fide American auteur Richard Linklater, concludes with Woody Allen's "Wonder Wheel" and in between, includes Noah Baumbach's "Meyerowitz Stories," Todd Haynes' "Wonderstruck," Luca Guadagnino's "Call Me By Your Name," Sean Baker's "The Florida Project" and Greta Gerwig's "Lady Bird." There are also conversations with Kate Winslet, Richard Linklater and Ava DuVernay; in depth documentaries on Arthur Miller and Steven Spielberg; and a Robert Mitchum retrospective, too.

We asked Kent Jones, director of the NYFF, about this year's cinematic extravaganza, outlining what makes the NYFF so unique and why they're happy for you to disagree with their choices.

What is the mission of the New York Film Festival?
We present films that have moved us and we're sharing them with you. So, simply put, we're saying that these are the films that we saw during this calendar year of 2017 that mattered the most to us. You don't have to agree with us — that's not the point. We responded to these films, now you respond to them. And if you want to talk about it, great. I'm stressing this because I think that people get into all kinds of ridiculous media discussions about what is objectively and definitively good and bad or worthy and unworthy. There's no such thing.

What sets the New York Film Festival apart?
We're venerable — 55 years — so that's one obvious thing. We don't have prizes. We don't have a market. We have only a few world premieres. But we also stick to the mission of curating. We never pursue themes, we don't have quotas, we don't choose movies because they will guarantee stars on the carpet. The one question we ask ourselves is: Do we like it?

What are five films to look out for?
At random, quickly, I'd say:

"Four Sisters," a suite of four films by Claude Lanzmann in our Special Events section. All incredible experiences on their own, overwhelming when taken together as one work.

"Faces Places," Agnès Varda and JR's beautiful collaboration, a work of really majestic simplicity and energy that moved me and charmed me.

"Spoor," by Agnieszka Holland and Kasia Adamik, a wild, impassioned and almost unclassifiable movie.

"Three Music Films" by Mathieu Amalric, two shorts (about the singer, conductor and modern music champion Barbara Hannigan) and one hour-long film-in-perpetual-progress (about downtown composer-performer-impresario John Zorn) that are truly musical films about music making.

"Crossfire," made in 1947, part of our Mitchum retrospective, one of the quietest films noirs, set in Washington, DC after the war — Mitchum and Robert Ryan and Robert Young are all great as the leads, Gloria Grahame is incredible, and there's a truly amazing scene with an actor named Paul Kelly.

Bryan Cranston, Steve Carell, and Laurence Fishburne star in Richard Linklater's "Last Flag Flying." LIONSGATE

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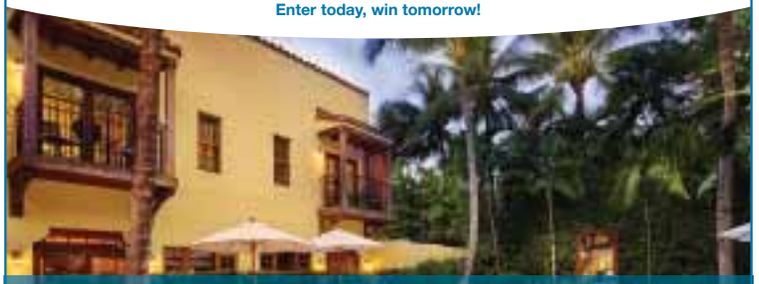

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Homepolish interior designer Ana Claudia Schultz tells us how the brainstorming tactic can help us visualize our remodeling goals.

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Sometimes you look around your home and think that something's not quite right, but you're not sure what to change. Do you need to rethink the color scheme in your bedroom? Is it finally time to replace the couch the cat scratched up and kick those drab lamps to the curb? Maybe some greenery will liven up the place?

That's where a mood board comes in: a collage created with images of new furniture, paint or wallpaper swatches, lighting concepts and more design brainstorms so you can see your options in front of you.

"We are all visual people; however, not all of us can visualize," says NYC-based interior designer Ana Claudia Schultz. "Creating a mood board allows us to see all our selections on one page."

Schultz works with Homepolish, a nationwide interior-design start-up that connects clients with designers who can help them conceptualize and execute their remodeling goals (beginning at $130/hour).

How do you begin? Schultz recommends picking out one "inspiration image" such as a room that you love. Maybe you got inspired by something you saw on Apartment Therapy or Pinterest. Maybe you want your living room to look like Madeline Martha Mackenzie's (Reese Witherspoon) on "Big Little Lies." Your mood board, your vision!

You can create a mood board online or do it old-school, cutting and pasting images onto a foam-core board.
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From there, add images of furniture that fits the look you're going for, but also works in your real-life space. (If you want your fantasy to come true, you've got to be practical.) Next, add the "layering pieces" — rugs, lights, and accessories.

Your mood board can be virtual or physical. Schultz recommends using PowerPoint — "You can change the size of the images, format them as a collage, and also link images to vendors, making it much easier to keep track of where to buy them," she says — but if you're more of a hands-on type, you can print pictures or cut them out from magazines, then pin or paste on a foam-core board.

You might even fall in love with your mood board and keep it around after you've completed your reno project. "Put it up on the wall, share your process with friends," says Schultz. "My motto is to fill your home with things that make you happy, but of course try to curate them so it doesn't look cluttered or overwhelming."

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East Village resident wants to outlaw bottomless brunch

Bottomless brunches are a scourge on the East Village, according to one lifelong resident. INSTAGRAM.COM/MINIMATHUR

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A suit against the state Liquor Authority claims boozy brunch is ruining the neighborhood.

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THE REAL DEAL

Robert Halpern, a lawyer and lifelong resident of the East Village, has petitioned the state's Liquor Authority to quit handing out so many liquor licenses in his neighborhood.

Particularly nefarious are the bottomless brunches offered by local bars and restaurants, which attract hordes of young people, especially NYU students, Halpern claims.

These weekend specials, where you pay a set price for unlimited alcohol during brunch hours, are prohibited by law, according to Halpern's complaint, and they're contributing to the "deterioration of the neighborhood."

According to Halpern's calculations, there are 679 active liquor licenses in the East Village alone, and the Liquor Authority keeps approving more. There were 305 new liquor licenses approved in the area in 2016, and 243 in 2017.

"There are too may people running around drinking all the time," Halpern told The Real Deal. "It's become more and more of a drinking culture here."

Halpern's argument is that bottomless brunches are prohibited by a provision against selling unlimited alcohol for a set time and a set price. The Liquor Authority's legal counsel has previously taken the position that "brunch specials" are considered special events and exempt from the provision. The suit makes the case that weekly bottomless brunches should not be exempt.

In a listicle that would make BuzzFeed proud, Halpern's complaint enumerates 17 bottomless brunches available in the East Village, including the Cloister Cafe, which "offers free mimosas, beer, wine, screwdrivers and bloody marys," and Jeepney, which "offers a 'boozy brunch' for $29 with an opportunity to 'get wasted.'"

If Halpern does indeed have a legal case, that's all the more reason to head to the East Village to feast on the free flow of alcohol before prohibition sets in. CHAVA GOURARIE

Terry Collins not to return as Mets manager, who is next?

New York looks set to move on from their longest-tenured manager and already have some ideas on who could take over.

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The seven-year run of Terry Collins as New York Mets manager looks as though it is coming to a close.

With a week remaining in a disappointing 2017 season, Mike Puma of the New York Post reported on Tuesday morning that the Mets will not renew the 68-year-old's contract. Collins could be shown the door as early as Monday.

The Mets are already mulling over possible options for the job. Puma noted that Robin Ventura, Alex Cora, Kevin Long, Chip Hale and Bob Geren are among the early favorites to take over for Collins. Although Geren and Hale have been linked to the Mets since early August.

Regardless of the inconsistent levels of success that Collins had as Mets manager during his tenure, he does leave some big cleats to fill. Collins is the franchise leader in games managed and ranks second in wins behind Davey Johnson, who captured the 1986 World Series for the Flushing faithful.

Each of the early candidates has links to the Mets, though their managing experience and success varies:

It looks as though Terry Collins has one more week of being Mets manager as the team won't renew his contract this winter. GETTY IMAGES

Early favorites for Mets managerial job

ROBIN VENTURA

Ventura played three seasons with the Mets from 1999-2001 and was apart of an infield that might have been one of the greatest assemblies of defensive talent ever alongside Jon Olerud, second baseman Edgardo Alfonzo and shortstop Rey Odonez. He is best known for his "Grand Single" in Game 5 of the 1999 NLCS against the Atlanta Braves. He was also part of the 2000 National League Champion squad.

After his playing days, Ventura managed the Chicago White Sox for five seasons from 2012-2016. He recorded just one winning season and never made the playoffs.

BOB GEREN

Geren served as bench coach under Collins for four seasons from 2012-2015 and was a part of the 2015 National League pennant-winning team.

But due to family reasons, Geren moved out West to take the same position with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who were the best team in baseball for most of the 2017 season.

Geren has managed before but didn't find any real success. From 2007-2011 with the Athletics, he compiled a 334-376 record and did not have a winning season.

CHIP HALE

Hale was the manager of the Arizona Diamondbacks from 2015-2016, but it was a tumultuous stay.

He went 148-176 during his tenure there, including a 69-win 2016 season with a team that was expected to at least make a push toward postseason contention.

The 52-year-old was the Mets' third-base coach from 2010-2011 and was on the team's shortlist to take over as manager after Jerry Manuel was fired after the 2010 season.

He currently is serving as the third-base coach for the Oakland Athletics.

KEVIN LONG

Long is the only suitor currently working for the Mets as he's been the hitting coach since 2015. He held the same position with the Yankees for eight years from 2007-2014.

ALEX CORA

Cora spent parts of two seasons with the Mets in 2009 and 2010 as a utility infielder. He made the jump from the field to in front of the camera as an analyst for ESPN for three years before serving as the Houston Astros bench, a position he currently holds.

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Center Enes Kanter and small forward Doug McDermott are the Knicks' two prizes from the Thunder. GETTY IMAGES

What are the Knicks getting in Kanter, McDermott?

Meet the two newest members of the Knicks that came over from Oklahoma City in the Carmelo Anthony trade.

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As the dust settles from the deal that sent Carmelo Anthony to the Oklahoma City Thunder, most of the talk has been about how the former New York Knicks star has created a three-headed monster for the Western Conference club alongside reigning MVP Russell Westbrook and four-time All-Star Paul George.

Rightfully so. The Thunder have just dealt their way into contention within the loaded Western Conference that will likely be dominated by the Golden State Warriors once again. But the Houston Rockets' acquisition of Chris Paul from the Los Angeles Clippers to join forces with James Harden has added another threat to Golden State's throne.

For those involved in New York basketball though, we are left to wonder just how good the return of Anthony is. The Knicks acquired big man Enes Kanter and small forward Doug McDermott from Oklahoma City along with a 2018 second-round pick that formerly belonged to the Chicago Bulls.

Coming over from Turkey at just 19 years old, Kanter was drafted third overall by the Utah Jazz in 2011.

Knicks GM Scott Perry comments on Carmelo Anthony, Kristaps Porzingis

As he matured and assimilated to the NBA game, the 6-foot-11 center developed into a solid low-post scorer that provided a solid mid-range game as well.

Once the Jazz drafted Rudy Gobert and it became clear that he was the future of the team, Kanter became expendable and was shipped to Oklahoma City during the 2014-15 season.

In the final 26 games of that season, he recorded career highs with 18.7 points and 11 rebounds in 31.1 minutes per game. But those numbers didn't last long as he began platooning with Steven Adams at the center position, starting just one game over the last two seasons.

Still, he provided an offensive alternative to the defensive-minded Adams. In his three seasons with the Thunder, Kanter averaged 14.3 points and 6.7 rebounds per game while making 53 percent of his shots.

What is troubling is his defensive record. In each of his first seven seasons, he's had a negative Defensive Box Plus/Minus rating (DBPM).

On a Knicks team that's had problems stopping opposing offenses, Kanter will have to prove his defensive worth in order to win the starting job and get consistent minutes.

For McDermott, life in the NBA hasn't been easy.

The NCAA's No. 5 all-time scorer and Creighton alumnus hasn't started more than five games in a season since his pro debut in 2014. Much of that had to do with playing teams that featured Jimmy Butler during his time with the Chicago Bulls, a team he spent the first two-plus years with before being dealt to the Thunder last season.

One can't deny McDermott's ability to shoot from long distance, though. The 25-year-old's career average from three-point range is hovering near 40 percent, which could be a nice way to spread out the Knicks' offense this season.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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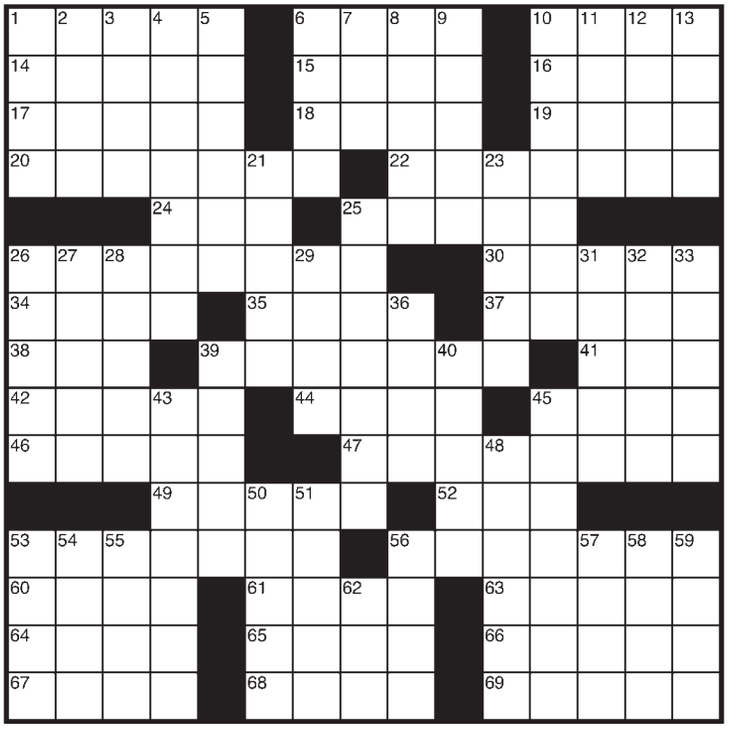

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Aries Nurture important relationships by taking the time to listen to complaints or requests carefully and doing your best to accommodate the ones you love.

Taurus Take time to think matters through before you make a move. Acting in haste will leave you in a precarious position that could influence how you get along with peers.

Gemini Changes at home or to your lifestyle should be made to encourage less spending. Look for ways to cut your overhead and ease the stress you've been feeling.

Cancer Forge ahead with what's most important to you, and start making the necessary adjustments to achieve your aims. Talk to the people you feel are best suited to helping you.

Leo A personal change should be based on your needs and not the product of you trying to appease someone heading in a different direction.

Virgo You are best off thinking matters through and coming up with alternatives that can help smooth over any differences you have with those you live or work with.

Libra Do what you can to get ahead. Working on your own will be your best choice. Take care of your personal and financial obligations before it's close to impossible to do so.

Scorpio Talk is cheap. If someone promises you something, get it in writing. A change of heart will open a door to new opportunities. Celebrate with someone you love.

Sagittarius Ease into anything you want to pursue. Getting all the facts and considering how you can take care of delicate matters OR a relationship will be essential.

Capricorn A little fix-me-up will do you good. Whether you make physical changes or you alter things at home, the results will lift your spirits if you stay within budget.

Aquarius Personal changes can be made, as long as you are reasonable in your expectations and practical about what you are trying to accomplish.

Pisces Personal improvements can be made. Set your sights on your goals, and start making them come true. A financial gain looks promising. EUGENIA LAST

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